

G. C. FOWLER, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR

Gossip on the Base Range—Political—Business—
Mines—Etc. Etc.Political Gossip—Uncle Jimmy Fair for U. S.
SenatorIncreased Activity in Mining Circles—The Fel-
ling Regarding the Rover Case—Political Sen-
timent—Prospective Prognostications, etc.The Southern Country and Stimulus to Trade in
Carson—Projective Schemes—Mint Drops—
Diamond Cat Diamond—Grand Party—Etc.The Southern Country and Stimulus to Trade in
Carson—Projective Schemes—Mint Drops—
Diamond Cat Diamond—Grand Party—Etc.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10 1893

A NEW CRUSADE

The New York Herald proposes to settle the Eastern question by driving the Turks back into Asia and then reviving the Greek Empire at Constantinople. The Herald did well in its African explorations, but we fear this proposed Turkish expedition would be a failure. The Ottoman Empire is not a perfect nor a progressive government, yet it has existed for nearly six centuries, and throughout that time has fought down the hate and hostility of the neighboring powers. A religious crusade against the Crescent has been tried over and over again, but the Sick Man has invariably survived these attacks. And unless Great Britain and the Continental powers now permit Russia to dismember and absorb a large portion of the Ottoman Empire, she will survive the present blow of the Macedonian. We do not believe it is for the general interest of Europe to wipe out the Turkish Empire—especially not by the bitting of the sword. If the Herald should stir up a new crusade for the recovery of the holy sepulchres in Palestine and Jerusalem and place stumps in its field that might be a success, but even then the crusaders better return long at Constantinople unless their beads are all glued.

EXECUTIVE CANDIDIDATES

With only five of the Republican when chosen was carried to victory the President of the United States received but \$20,000 a year and paid his private secretary, stenographer and gaiter out of his own purse. With the general rule of extravagance which has run the nation into a debt of debt and demoralized all our industry, the President's Mission is not to be exempted. In addition to paying \$20,000 per annum for a President's household is now fixed at \$100,000. Others at in his White House Private Secretary \$5,000. Assistants \$2,000. two Executive Clerks \$1,000. Steward \$500. Vice President \$10,000. Speaker \$5,000. Chief Justice \$10,000. Night Clerk \$1,000. two Deputies \$2,000. two Bookkeepers \$2,000. Chief Clerk \$1,000. also contingent expenses including stationery \$500. Hence it will be seen that a President now costs us over \$75,000 a year, instead of \$20,000 in the days of Washington, Jefferson, Jackson and Lincoln.

THE LONDON PRESS

The daily issue of the London papers is as follows: Daily Telegraph (Ministerial) 267,000. Standard (Liberal) 200,000. The issue of the Daily News (Liberal) during the war of 1870-71 sometimes exceeded 500,000 copies. It now averages 200,000. The London Times spends more than \$500,000 for its paper and for its printing ink \$20,000. Each advertising column in this journal and it averages nine pages of them brings in a revenue of \$35,000. The outlay in foreign correspondence amounts to at least \$40,000 per annum. The circulation varies with the exciting intelligence of the day, being on the average about 200,000 and occasionally considerably higher. No pains or expense is spared by the great London dailies to procure the latest information from all parts of the world. Their editorial and correspondence staff embraces statesmen, ex-diplomats, soldiers, scholars, and scientists, etc.

QUESTIONS—The Gazette propounds the following:

What has public opinion got to do with facts and figures and what have you not dared to prove or disprove that report?

The report speaks for and contradicts itself.

You said you agreed with the Grand Jury report in many cases. Then if one competent man could examine county matters in less than eighteen days why did you not make the examination on the last Grand Jury of which you were a member?

We were not a member of the last Grand Jury, have not been on the jury since last April, at which time it was not deemed necessary to go into an examination of county affairs inasmuch as the previous January jury had made an examination.

How was it that you dared not comment on the June report?

Why didn't you publish it so that we could?

EUREKA, Nev., Feb. 4th, 1878

Editor Journal—I see by a late number of your paper that slate making is the order of the day in the western part of the State, among the politicians. Now, in order to show your people that the Larcha manipulators are not behind hand, I send you the following as the work of the political bosses in this section.

DEMOCRATIC SIDE

The Democracy, or at least the majority of them, under the lead of the indomitable and fearless Cassidy, favor J. C. Fair for U. S. Senator, and J. C. Hagerman for Governor. A few of the chivalrous Democrats, aided by a few Missouri persimmons, favor the re-election of "Old Broadbent," but as their party have no confidence in them, their efforts will avail nothing. Freddy Napoleon Cole is the coming man for Supreme Judge.

REPUBLICANS

This party here will favor the re-election of Tom Wren for Congress, J. P. Jones for Senator, W. W. Hobart for Governor and T. P. Hawley for Supreme Judge. The Republicans here are working very hard to have the Republican State Convention held at this place, and we hope the Republican State Central Committee will hear our prayer and so order it. The Democrats will probably hold their convention here also, with the same result. I am a sneering quipster and there are lots of humorists which are not locked up in my mind.

POLITICAL ETC.

Times are somewhat dull here at present, but everything is taking a turn for the better. The business is looking up and people take lively interest in the houses, churches, newspapers and politics. Our Grand Jury meets next week, therefore I shall be compelled to leave town. On my return will write you more fully about the mines, business, etc.

BASE RANGE

NEWS OF THE MORNING

Russia does not like England's action of sending a fleet to Constantinople.

The Russians have captured 120,000 men including twenty Pashas, and 1,000 cannon during the war.

The deflation of Augustus M. Tennyson's price of the Bank of North America, instead of being less than \$100,000, as at first supposed, was ascertained Friday to reach \$253,000.

J. W. Hitt known as the "great cattle king of the Western plains" died at Denver Friday. He was the most extensive cattle dealer of the Far West, his pasturing region embracing immense tracts in Wyoming, territory and Colorado. He was a man of great wealth, energy and public spirit.

The Supreme Court of Illinois decided matters of news not libelous.

There are rumors of a plot to identify Hayes with the Democracy.

The Kearney movement is in the death throes.

WASHOE VS. HUMBOLDT

The Grand Jury of Washoe county in their report heretofore referred to in the Silver State, find that Humboldt has good cause for refusing to allow the exorbitant claims presented by Washoe in the Rover case. They believe that many of the papers ought to have been served by the officers of Humboldt instead of Washoe thus preventing a heavy expense. They also refer to the amount allowed H. B. Maxson for surveying at the scene of the Sharp murder, as being extravagant and cite the fact that \$625 was allowed counsel for defending Rover. They present strong arguments against Washoe in the case now pending between that county and this, which must be weighed by the Court in determining whether Washoe had right to allow what it pleased to law suits of witnesses and compel Humboldt to foot the bill. If there was any doubt of the justice of Humboldt's refusal to pay those exorbitant charges, the report of the Grand Jury of Washoe has dispelled them.

The above appears in the Silver State, and is a fitting answer to a Grand Jury which would prejudice its county's case, while pending in Court.

Poor, crazy Carlotta, the widow of Maximilian, is said to be dying. In her case death will come like an angel of mercy, and be welcomed with outstretched arms.

Twenty days more and winter will be at an end. So says our devil.

Be sure and attend church to day. It will do you no harm.

VIRGINIA CITY, Feb'y 8, 1878

Editor Journal—Since my last letter some very mysterious moves have been made by the managers of both parties on the political chess board. The most important one is the move made to bring out J. G. Fair for the U. S. Senate. The most prominent men in both parties are at the head of this move, and I have every reason to believe that they have succeeded, and that J. G. Fair will be the Democratic candidate for U. S. Senator.

UNCLE JIMMY

Some maintain that Mr. Fair is a Democrat, while others say that he is a Republican. The truth of the matter is, he has been so busy with his mining enterprises that he has devoted but little time to politics, but it is well known that his proclivities are Democratic. As you are aware, Mr. Editor, party lines are not very well defined at present. The people are heartily sick of party, and at the coming election they will vote for me, irrespective of their political record. I have conversed with men of both parties during the past month, and they all unite in saying that J. G. Fair is the best man to succeed J. P. Jones in the U. S. Senate, for the following reasons: First, he has been a continuous resident of the State for the past eighteen years, and has added greatly to its prosperity and wealth. Second, the fact of which he is a member are the honest taxpayers in the State. Third, he is interested in one of Nevada's greatest industries—the silver interest. The bitter experience of the past five years shows that we must send men to Congress who will lend a helping hand to protect this great industry. Mr. Fair has for a long time worked energetically and spent his money for this great object. Fourth, his great wealth would be a bar to temptation which has beset so many of our public men during the past twenty-five years. Fifth, he is honest and capable, a man of sterling qualities, and unimpeachable character, true to his friends, and to day stands before the public a whole-souled, honorable gentleman. It will, no doubt, be charged by his enemies in case he runs for the Senate, that it will be a moneyed fight, but I am satisfied that Mr. Fair will not put up a cent beyond the legitimate expenses of the campaign. It is currently reported here by his friends, that Senator Jones will not be a candidate for re-election on account of his business affairs demanding his immediate attention. Mr. Jones has served the people of Nevada well, and by his close attention to public interests, his private affairs have suffered to a great extent, and he needs his valuable time to straighten up his business. Regarding the gubernatorial fight, things are about the same as when I wrote you last. Bateman having the inside track on the Republican side of the house, and Hagerman being the favorite with the Democrats.

WHO WOULD NOT BE AN AUTHOR?

I see by a late issue of the Enterprise that the editor of that paper is considerably worried about the letters you are receiving from this place and thanks your correspondent would make a good author, and could write a splendid book, all the same as Fred Hart. We have tried our hand on poetical corruption and found that as an author we are not a success, and we would refer the editor of the Enterprise to the following fable:

KIND HEARTED SHE ELEPHANT

A kind hearted she elephant, while walking through the jungle where the spicy breezes blew soft o'er Ceylon's Isle, heedlessly set foot upon a cartridge, which she crushed to death within a few inches of the most containing its celloid brood. "Poor little things," said the generous mammoth, "I have been a mother myself, and my affection shall atone for the fatal consequences of my neglect." So saying she sat down upon the orphan birds.

My old—the above teaches us what home is without a mother, also that it is not every person who should be entrusted with the care of an orphan asylum.

COWSTOCK

The war upon timber thieves by Secretary Schurz shows practical results. Thus far 190 civil and 38 criminal suits have been begun, and \$873,723 worth of property seized. In Minnesota the government has won all of the 78 civil and 22 criminal suits realizing \$13,000 in sales and \$3,775 in judgments. Seventy suits have been begun in Mississippi, and 4368 408 of lumber seized in Florida. 12 suits and \$111,800 recovered. The prosecutions in Louisiana have just begun, and promise large results.

WINNEMUECA, Nev., Feb. 6, 1878

Editor Journal—The Republicans of Humboldt county having no organ through which they can communicate to the outer world, I take the liberty of addressing a few lines to our next door neighbor—the Journal, hoping by that means to let our friends throughout the State get an inkling from a Republican standpoint what is being done in old Humboldt.

NON POLITICAL—MINES

Notwithstanding the disagreeable winter weather, considerable prospecting has been going on of late throughout the county, and quite a number of promising strikes and discoveries have been made. Considerable excitement continues to prevail over the fields at the head of Paradise Valley. Several ledges have been found, ranging from two to six feet wide in mineral which assays up into the hundreds in silver and gold. The consequence is that the hills around the valley are filled with sturdy prospectors. The snow, however, is yet a great hindrance to them. In Winnemueca Mountain, near this place, the Fairmount mine is now the only one being worked, though there are several others upon which work will be commenced as soon as the chill of winter is a little more subsided. John Robins has a fine prospect which bids fair to open out into a very valuable mine. The Rye Patch mines are showing well. The mill at that place is kept in constant operation from their product. At Golconda, or Gold Run District, very favorable reports are heard, several new strikes having recently been made. In Central District work is progressing, and its prospects never looked brighter. At Oreana the outlook is brilliant. Ex-Archbishop General Buckner, at the depth of about 125 feet has struck it in the Montezuma, a very large and rich deposit, which makes the General feel forty years younger in anticipation of once more bring a millionaire. Other mines in that vicinity are looking very encouraging. Around Unionville the mines are recovering. A number of old mines have been re-located and are being worked with much encouragement. All over the county the mining fever is taking a new start, and when Spring fully opens we expect to see lively times indeed. I hope so. The Lord knows we need it.

OUR TOWN

Is very quiet. The new Depot Hotel, which opened out a few months ago with such brilliant prospects, was suddenly collapsed, and the creditors are now scrambling for the remnants.

ROVER

Considerable feeling is being manifested here in regard to the probable fate of that brutal murderer J. W. Rover. If his sentence is to be commuted, all of our good citizens feel that the money expended in prosecuting him will be money spent in vain, for commutation means pardon in a short time—a few years at most. The murder of I. N. Sharp was a most foul and horrible one, and no punishment of the perpetrator can be too severe. Rover either murdered him or else he did not. If he is guilty he ought to receive the extreme penalty of the law. If he is innocent he should be acquitted entirely—let go scot-free. If there is even a reasonable doubt as to his guilt, the law gives him the benefit of that doubt, and he should never have been convicted. Every man in this county believes him to be guilty, so much so that after two trials and convictions here a third jury of twelve persons could not be found in the whole length and breadth of this large county who had not made up their minds as to his guilt. He has also been convicted in a county where this universal prejudice against him did not exist. Certainly the evidence must be strong against him or this could not be. Three juries and at least half of another who heard all the evidence in his favor as well as against him had no hesitancy in pronouncing him guilty. Are they not more able to judge of the matter than those who heard nothing of the evidence and know nothing of the merits of his case? It is reported that petitions are being circulated in distant counties by his attorneys, asking a commutation of his sentence. What do people in Lincoln county, N. E. White Pine, Lander, Eureka, etc., know of the matter? No such petition has been circulated in Humboldt, and probably will not be, although I have not the least doubt

that Mac Donnald will have one there with a thousand names appended to it made up in his own office. I ask the Board of Pardons to make a note of this fact if such or any petition from Humboldt county is presented to them. The hope of our people is that the Board will duly and fully inform themselves as to the exact evidence for and against Rover before they act in the matter. It is all written down in full. If they will do this, regardless of petitions, or garbled statements of defendant's attorneys, there need be no fears that the Board will interfere with the verdicts of forty-four jurors who, upon their oaths, pronounced him guilty.

POLITICS

The machine politicians of both parties are moving in this county. If Humboldt county had her say she could, and undoubtedly would, supply the entire State with its officers. We have a candidate for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Comptroller, Attorney General, Clerk of the Supreme Court, Schoolmaster General and, if necessary, we could furnish a State Treasurer and United States Senator.

The Republicans expect to present before their State Convention the name of J. H. Kinkadee for Governor, but as his father-in-law, John C. Hall, intends to press his claims in the Democratic party for U. S. Senator, it is feared that then interests will conflict and one of the other will withdraw from the contest. For Gov. Hall will wait the State to go Democratic and Kinkadee will wait it to turn up a Republican majority. As General Bateman is also a prominent candidate for Governor and appears to be the leading favorite in the Western portion of the State the general opinion here is that Kinkadee has no show for the nomination. Our present very efficient and gentlemanly County Clerk, J. H. Job, will be a candidate for Secretary of State and Samuel S. Grass for Attorney General, before the Republican Convention. Mr. Job would as soon take the office of Clerk of the Supreme Court, but as it seems to be the general opinion that Charles Bicknell will again shy his castor into the ring for that position, Mr. Job will accept the Secretaryship.

On the Democratic side, the ring has apparently switched Judge G. G. Berry from being a candidate for District Judge of this county to Lieutenant Governor. C. C. Biles is the coming man for Secretary of State. J. J. Hill, our present State Printer who has sold his office to Mr. Robinson of Carson, expects to make a dash for the Controller's office. Charlie LaGrave, our present second term County Auditor, also has a hankering after the same position but he will be satisfied with the County Clerkship or any other office that he can get his fins into. Mr. C. Chenoweth, our County School Superintendent, and father-in-law to Mr. E. Blennerhassett, ex-candidate for Eldon Presidential elector is itching to be Schoolmaster General. So you see that our county is filled with patriots who are anxious to serve the dear people. The Democratic preference for Governor in this county is, almost universally, J. C. Hagerman, of Washoe county. If he gets the nomination he will be a hard man to beat. This county will turn him up a larger majority than it gave "Old Broad Horns." I know many Republicans who openly declare they will vote for him. More anon. HUMBOLDT.

The Russian Mennonites in Manitoba are not proving to be such good citizens as was anticipated. Their religion apparently recognizes no difference between *meum* and *tuum*, as regards the property of others. They don't steal among themselves, for that would be pilfering from the Lord, but the possessions of outsiders they appropriate without scruple and when an appeal to the law is made by the injured parties, they band the necks together and resist successfully the constables sent to arrest members of the Holy brotherhood. It is becoming more and more apparent every day that religious societies should not be allowed to locate in this country as communities, isolated from the rest of mankind. They invariably set the civil and criminal laws of the land at defiance. It was so with the Mormons and Gentiles made their appearance in Utah it was so with these Russian Mennonites. It will be so with every community of the kind which is allowed to flourish independently in our midst.

The Prescott Enterprise of the 30th ult. mo. says: "Although there are eight inches of snow in the Little Colorado District still cattle, sheep and stock of all kinds are out."

A Utah stock owner named Scott is about to settle on the Little Colorado with 5,000 head of horned cattle.

Prescott is to have an artesian well

CARSON, Feb. 4, 1878

Editor Journal—We think we perceive the silver lining, and that an era of unexampled prosperity is about to record itself in our history. The dreaminess that has prevailed in business circles for so many months is passing away and being superseded by an air of activity such as we won't have in the

LUSH TIMES

Of days gone by. More than any other one cause this can be attributed to the opening up of the country to the southward, where the recent developments around Aurora and Bodie have caused capital to come forth from its hidden retreat, and dispense its blessings so that the world may be richer and richer. Hundreds of thousands of dollars will be expended in that section this year, and when Spring opens there will be an immense rush to the new El Dorado, and old Esmeralda will again witness the lively scenes of her youth. Carson will, of course, reap a rich harvest from the excitement sure to prevail, for all of the trade of that section will be tributary to us, and numberless teams will be constantly employed in taking to and bringing back the articles of merchandise necessary to supply the wants of so lively a community. There are hopes that the V. & L. R. R. will build a branch down there to more readily accommodate the wants of trade a branch which must ultimately be extended

TO THE COLORADO

To tip the Southern or Texas Pacific route. We wish to have immediate telegraphic communication with the new camps. Messrs. Pratt, Humes and others, of Genoa, have already purchased the wire poles etc. and the work of construction is to commence at once, and the line completed inside of the next sixty days. I am you can readily see upon what good grounds are based the belief that Carson has seen her darkest days, and from this time on will be the centre of trade and commerce in Western Nevada, and deserving of her proud position as Capital of the State.

THE MINT

The U. S. Mint, under the able management of James Crawford, is doing good work. It has come to my knowledge that with the passage of the Silver bill an increased force will be necessary and better work than ever will be the result. The high standing this Mint has attained for celerity of work, efficiency of management and completeness in details, is the best evidence that the Government should grant it a larger appropriation than was allowed its year.

NOTES

Our worthy State Mineralogist, Henry B. Whitehill, is here and will be to the Bar, having passed an exceedingly creditable examination before the Supreme Court. He will enter upon his new profession at the expiration of his present term of office, and a brilliant and successful career is predicted for him by his friends. The State will lose a good co-her and the Bar will gain an honorable addition.

It is given out that the reason that induced Controller Hobart to rush into print for an extra session was because he "smelt a mic" in the gubernatorial quarter of the State House. Rumor has it that Bradley and Gariel (Private Secretary nominally, but Governor really) were preparing to make a political play of that kind, and when Hobart let the cat out of the bag, they turned around on him, and squelched the thing.

You rumor that the homony firm are negotiating for the V. & L. R. R. and the wool and timber lands of Yerington Mills & Co. is entirely false. There is not the slightest possibility of such a transaction. I speak by authority.

The "Au Fat" our highly-toned dancing Club, give their next party on the evening of the 15th inst. An invitation has been extended to the "Riverside" of your place, and "Entre Nous" of Virginia. One of the most brilliant gatherings ever seen here is expected. The "Au Fat" will extend every possible courtesy, and I should like to see you here.

A number of Josephite Mormons are emigrating from the Salt Lake River Valley, Maricopa county.

The snow is disappearing from the mountain peaks in the vicinity of Prescott.

The lumber trade at Prescott is now brisk.

